

Prize example of how too many words can reverse a speaker's meaning is this paragraph from a dispatch in the Nashville (Tenn.) Banner reporting the decision of the Memphis Censorship Board to ban showing of the Ingrid Bergman picture "Storm-bolt":

"Mrs. Sid A. Law, a member of the censorship board, added that, 'It's disgraceful the way Rita Hayworth and Ingrid Bergman have carried on around the world. We all know that ladies aren't supposed to act like that in public.'"

Mrs. Law simply used too many words — the last two.

The Arkansas Temperance League announced from Little Rock over the week-end that it will initiate an act in the 1950 general election to prohibit the sale of liquor, wine and beer anywhere in the state. Thirty-eight of Arkansas' 75 counties now are dry by local option, and the statewide prohibition movement will begin March 2 with a Little Rock meeting to start the circulation of petitions for the initiated act, said the temperance league announcement.

There is no use sparing either words or feelings, for the prohibitionists are driving blindly ahead in complete disregard of the increasing cost of government and the grinding load of taxation.

Their claims to a superior morality aren't worth the paper they're written on. The liquor question is a peanut compared to the vastly important problems of how to make a state and nation healthier and better educated.

New schools have to be built, and more and better-paid teachers have to be obtained — all of which cost money. Yet the prohibitionists instead of helping to raise more tax money propose to wipe out the millions of dollars that the state gathers annually in levies against alcohol.

What this means in the cold columns of figures which represent the state's financial statement is simply this: That we shall go on taxing food and clothing — under the state sales tax — while liquor, naturally the most taxable of all commodities, is made tax-free.

That isn't the way a prohibitionist tells it — but 'm telling it the way it really is.

This is an issue that deeply concerns not so much the professional moralist but those who pay the taxes which support state and local government and those who have to work for the agencies of government, particularly the school teachers.

Arkansas teacher salaries are always being compared unfavorably with the salaries paid in certain other states, but I would point out to you that the states where salaries are highest are the states which make liquor pay its just share of the total tax bill.

If we are going to make liquor tax-free we shall have to increase property taxes at once in order to support the salaries we now have — and will have to raise those taxes again every time the school system is expanded, as indeed it ought to be.

Will property owners vote for outrageous taxes when liquor is exempt?

What do you think?

## Junior Play Committees Announced

Billy Gunter has been appointed business manager and Mac Hooper stage manager of "Seventeen Is Terrific," the Junior Class play to be presented in the local high school auditorium on February 17.

Assistant business manager is Greta Caston. The business committee consists of Kelly Marlar, Nancy Hays, Bob McPherson, and Shirley Ann White.

Those on the stage committee are Ralph Warren and Louis Sutton.

Other committees are: Advertising: Donald Sue Cooley, Bobby Bishop, Louise Rexroat, and Esta Miller.

Publicity: Jean Nash, Minella Berry, Jim Edwards, and Thalia Chism.

Make-up: Dorothy Bullock and Dorothea Mullins.

Property: Anita Copeland, Marly Mitchell.

Specialty: Sue Bright, Gordon Beasley, Jo Ann Shields, and Bitha Wray, and Janelle Burkey.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Arkansas: Considerable cloudiness, mild this afternoon, tonight, Tuesday.

## Crucial Stage as 'Phone Strike Deadline Nears

New York, Feb. 6 (AP) — Federal mediation efforts to prevent a nationwide telephone strike reached a crucial stage today with the deadline less than 48 hours away.

Company and CIO union representatives resume their talks with the help of the mediators after a Sunday recess.

Cyrus S. Ching, head of the mediation and conciliation service, said his staff would be able to tell by this afternoon "whether we are getting anywhere."

A union attorney said on the eve of today's meeting that "at the moment there is no indication of any change in the x x x situation."

The meeting was between representatives of the Western Electric company, manufacturing and installing subsidiary of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, and the CIO Communications Workers of America.

A strike is threatened for 6 a.m. Wednesday in a dispute over wages, hours, vacations, pensions, training periods and other issues.

Ching will confer here this afternoon with his chief aides on the progress of negotiations, it was announced last night by William N. Margolis, assistant director of the mediation service.

Margolis said Ching will check the progress of mediation efforts throughout the country from the federal bureau's New York office.

The mediation sessions began here Saturday.

In Washington, the government was reported considering a request for a truce to avoid a strike.

A top government official said the union may be asked to delay strike action if no substantial progress toward settlement of the dispute is reported shortly. He said the request, if made would seek a truce of at least two weeks.

Joe Hamilton of Emmet, representative of Dr. J. S. Campbell, state veterinarian, began vaccination of calves for Bang's disease around DeAnn in Hempstead county today, announced Oliver L. Adams, county agent.

Heifer calves, 4 to 8 months of age, that are expected to be developed as herd replacements will be vaccinated at no charge to owners. Livestock authorities encourage calfhood vaccination because it is the most effective means of controlling expensive losses by Bang's disease.

Cattlemen who have not requested the calfhood vaccination should contact the county agent at once. It is expected to require two weeks or more to complete the program. More than 500 heifer calves were vaccinated early last fall when farmers first had the opportunity to secure the service, reports county agent Adams.

What do you think?

## DeAnn Civic Club Elects New Officers

The DeAnn Civic club met Friday night, February 3, for the purpose of electing new officers and appointing committees for 1950. New officers for the new year are: Irvin Burke, president; Monroe Samuel, vice-president; Richard Arnold, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ralph E. Burke, reporter; G. C. Clark, trustee.

The following committees were named: Entertainment — Members of the DeAnn Lilac club; membership — Wayward Burke, Ralph Burke, and members of the Lilac club. The membership drive is now in progress, and everyone is urged to join.

The club voted to meet every three months. The next meeting will be Friday, night, May 5.

## Police Report Three Attempted Burglaries

City Police today reported a series of attempted burglaries over the weekend but all were unsuccessful.

The back door of Steuart's Grocery Co. was found pried open but so far as could be determined nothing was missing. The old New Theater building was broken into but nothing was missing and someone was seen trying to break into Bruce Black's home at 605 N. Walnut but was scared off.

Several prowler calls were answered by city police last week but nothing could be found.

## Community Concert Friday



Pianist Samuel Sorin and Violinist James De la Fuente will appear in a joint concert Friday night, February 10, at 8 o'clock in the High School auditorium.

Both Sorin and De la Fuente married fellow-students at Julliard. Mrs. Sorin being Edith Wise, a pianist, and Mrs. De la Fuente, Helen Bach, is, then a promising violinist (she is now a member of the Barry Ensemble, playing viola).

After graduation, both remained connected with Julliard; Sorin taught piano and De la Fuente became the Julliard representative for the South in Conway, Arkansas. While in Conway he was also instructor in fencing, knife fighting and bayonet tactics with the ASTP Unit at Hendrix College. At the same time he took over the post of Musical Director of the Arkansas Philharmonic Society in Little Rock. Until the close of the war De la Fuente combined his specialized instruction for the army with concert work, teaching chamber music, form and analysis, writing for local and state papers and, under the auspices of the Association of American College, giving concerts and lecture recitals to colleges in all sections of the United States. In the summer of 1945, De la Fuente travelled by air throughout the South Pacific on a USO tour and was on Guam when hostilities with Japan ended.

## Accidents Take Heavy Toll in Arkansas

By The Associated Press

A heavy toll of lives was taken in violent mishaps in Arkansas over the weekend.

Six of the 14 victims died in traffic accidents. Fire claimed three lives. A homicide, a hunting accident, asphyxiation and a drowning accounted for the other deaths.

A traffic mishap took the life of Harley M. Moffett, Arkansas State college student and amateur boxer. He died in a Jonesboro hospital Sunday night from injuries received when his car crashed into a service station at a highway intersection near Jonesboro Sunday morning.

Raymond Rutledge, 48, drowned when his boat overturned in the backwaters of Cow Bayou near Marianna. His body was found Sunday.

Asphyxiation was blamed for the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Keaton of Little Rock. Their bodies were found in their home Friday night by officer investigating reports the couple, both in their late 50s, had not been seen for several days.

Killed in a collision of low cars near Harrison Saturday were C. C. Coffman, about 55, Columbia, Mo., who was driving alone, and John Paul Holt, 19, Mut. Judea Ark. driver of the other car.

Ben Lewis, 75-year-old Negro pedestrian, was injured fatally when struck by a car near Little Rock Saturday night.

Fay Childers, 28, of Jenny Lind, Ark., died in a Fort Smith hospital Saturday night of injuries suffered when his car crashed into a bridge Jan. 29.

An attempt to save the life of a dog cost a 14-year-old Wilmar Negro boy his own. The victim was Odus Lavon Thomas a Thomas' hunting companion reportedly attempted to shoot the dog when Thomas grabbed the gun. He was wounded fatally.

The violent death toll for the weekend ended Saturday was 26. So far this year, 90 persons have died violently.

## Auto Accident Fatal to State College Athlete

Jonesboro, Feb. 6 (AP) — Harley M. Moffett, 21-year-old student at Arkansas State college and a well-known amateur boxer, died at a Jonesboro hospital last night of injuries sustained in an auto accident Sunday morning.

Moffett was alone in his car, which crashed into a service station at Harrisburg corner, where he failed to negotiate a curve at the intersection of highways 63 and 14.

## Barn Dance Nets Polio Drive \$100

More than 600 persons attended the benefit barn dance Saturday night at Fair park netting the March of Dimes drive \$100. The dance is a weekly affair sponsored by the VFW, which turned off a service station night over to the polio campaign.

Tomorrow night the Kiwanis and Lions clubs will hold a basketball game in the school gymnasium for the campaign. Members of both clubs are selling advance tickets.

As an added attraction a womanless wedding will be performed for the audience.

## America in the Future Will Become One Great Mass of Concrete Roads Boyle Visions

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP) — What shall we do with the American farmer? Shall we turn him into a parking lot attendant?

This appears to be one forward-looking solution of a problem as old as the republic — the fight between the city and the countryside.

It looks as if the city has won. The next step is to pave the farmlands, leaving the United States one vast sea of concrete and asphalt, studded with parks, suburban lawns — and billboards.

This will give everyone room to park his car, and the farmer can make more money renting his acres as garage space than he can growing unnecessary potatoes.

At first glance this may seem a far-fetched solution of the present parking and traffic problem, but is it? Not if the presented population and way-of-living trends keep up.

In 1820, the year Daniel Boone died, there were 5.5 persons to the square mile, and the old frontiersman felt the country was too crowded to live in. What would he think today when there are 59 to the square mile?

The population doubled from 75,000 in 1900 to 150,000,000 by 1950. And there are also some 50,000 autos and trucks cruising over the trails along which the buffaloes used to lope. And thousands more are being built every week.

For decades the rural areas have been losing to the city in terms of percentage of total population. For a long time country people complained about this. They said the cities weren't really self-sustaining in population — their bright lights just lured the boys off the farms.

This may have been true once, but you know what the census bureau has just discovered? It has found out that, man for man, the city dweller is now having more children than his country cousin.

## Chiefs Inspect Okinawa as Key U. S. Base

By RUSSELL BRINES

Tokyo, Feb. 6 (AP) — The U. S. joint chiefs of staff today looked over Okinawa, key air base in the American defense line facing communist-troubled Asia.

In Japan, the four top military commanders left this general impression after five days of secret strategy conferences with General MacArthur and his experts:

The U. S. may take a tougher stand against the spread of communism in the Orient and back it up with more attention to American military needs in this part of the world.

Gen. Omar Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs, Army Gen. J. Lawton Collins, Air Force Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg and Adm. Forrest P. Sherman, chief of naval operations, left Japan this morning. Two hours after taking off from Iwakuni airfield on Kyushu they landed at battle-famed Okinawa.

On the basis of my several recent visits to Okinawa, here are some of the things local commanders probably will stress in talks to the joint chiefs:

1. Communist control of Formosa — only 350 miles to the southwest — would be a serious menace to Okinawa and the American defense line that runs down the Aleutians through Japan to the Philippines.

2. The U. S. should retain control indefinitely of Okinawa — a conviction also held by MacArthur's experts in Tokyo.

3. Construction of typhoon-resistant barracks, homes, hangars and warehouses should be continued without interruption although the project may cost \$300,000,000.

4. Assignment of more air and ground force equipment to Okinawa and possibly more manpower.

5. Hastening of the restoration of Okinawa's economy as a bulwark against Red infiltration.

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So someday the whole wide countryside will be paved, the mountains leveled, the deserts gone, and only a little bush grass left here and there to keep the cricket's chirp alive, and a tree in each community to welcome a robin each spring.

There'll be no traffic problem, as there will no longer be much need for streets. You can drive anywhere except across an airfield. But you'll still pay to park.

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## President Invokes T-H Law as Miners Make Walkout Nationwide



(NEA Telephoto)

GOVERNOR ILL. — Gov. Earl K. Long of Louisiana, above, was hospitalized with a "mild heart attack" at a hospital in Winnfield, La. The 55-year-old governor, brother of the late Sen. Huey P. Long, was stricken during a hunting trip. Doctors said he would be hospitalized indefinitely.

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## Sets in Motion Machinery That Could to Court Order for Opening Mines

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 6 (AP) — The soft coal strike burst into a nationwide walkout today with angry miners in nearly a score of states joining in an all out bid for a contract showdown.

As the number of idle miners skyrocketed from the 100,000 out last week in six states to at least 380,000, production of bituminous (soft coal) plummeted. Roving pickets were active in some areas.

"Let's wait and see what happens now," declared a grizzled veteran of the Pennsylvania pits.

He referred to reports, President Truman is ready to invoke the Taft-Hartley act against John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers.

Surveys showed no UMW diggers at work in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois, Utah and Tennessee. Other states said incomplete checks indicated a total work stoppage.

A small stream of coal still is coming from unorganized mines in some areas and from the coal companies whose operators have signed new contracts on Lewis' terms.

Those pacts, covering a small proportion of the nation's 400,000 soft coal miners, give the men a raise from \$14.05 a day in basic wages to \$15. They also increase operators' payments to the UMW welfare and pension fund from 20 cents a ton of coal mined to 35 cents.

State-by-state reports give this picture:

Pennsylvania — all 100,000 UMW miners idle. About 80,000 anthracite (hard coal) diggers are still at work while contract negotiations continue.

West Virginia — practically all the 120,000 unionized miners workers are refusing to work. Pickets are reported roving some fields in auto caravans to make sure all pits are down.

Alabama — at least 12,000 idle, including many men employed in mines which worked last week.

Ohio — UMW officials declared that none of the state's 17,000 UMW miners are expected to work.

Indiana — Some miners showed up for work but promptly went home.

Iowa — About 15 mines, employing 450, are working because the operators signed contracts which agreed to Lewis' demands.

Illinois, Utah and Tennessee — No unsigned coal companies were able to reopen.

Kentucky — All 50,000 UMW miners, staying away from pits.

Wyoming — 4,000 of 4,500 miners out.

Colorado — Most mines in the state, employing 6,000, are closed.

Kansas and western Missouri — miners reported working as usual.

Oklahoma and Arkansas — UMW Chief Dave Folger said he is certain about 5,000 miners are working on a three day week and another 1,000 under new contracts calling for a five day week.

Virginia — 15,000 miners out. Railroads serving coal mines said no pits are operating.

Miners are "sick and tired" of the way John L. Lewis has been humiliated by the federal government, backed by the federal government, said President William F. Minton of UMW district 28 (Virginia).

St. Louis, Feb. 6 (AP) — The International Shoe company reported today a drop of 44.4 per cent in their net profits last year.

The firm's annual report showed net profits dropped from \$13,829,197 in 1948 to \$6,888,358 last year.

"The year recently ended was one of readjustment from an economy of scarcity to one of plenty," the report stated.

The company laid off 2,000 employees during the year and closed three shoe factories. The report predicted continued high prices.

Winfield, La., Feb. 6 (AP) — Gov. Earl K. Long has begun a long rest at the Winnfield General hospital following his heart attack last Friday.

Little Rock, Feb. 6 (AP) — Most of Arkansas' swollen rivers began a slow retreat today. About 23,000 persons have been forced from their homes by floodwaters.

The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation has 3,600 miles of power lines in operation in 1949, and 3,000 miles under construction.

Washington, Feb. 6 (AP) — President Truman today invoked Taft-Hartley law in an effort to restore coal production.

He appointed a board of inquiry headed by David L. Cohn, secretary, N. J. lawyer, to look into issues at dispute.

The other members are William W. Wirtz and John D. Dunlop. In view of the emergency, president instructed the board to report "not later" than one month from today.

Mr. Truman's move sets in motion machinery that could lead to a court order for 10 days from now for the miners to get back to work.

Whether the miners will attract attention to a "stop-strike" order from the courts — provided it issued — is a question.

John L. Lewis, the 70-year-old president of United Mine Workers, told Mr. Truman, week that he "subtly" told the president's secretary, Charles Ross said Mr. Lewis' order was the only one that would have been accepted by the miners and would meet in Washington tonight to begin work.

When the President's order is issued, the coal mines will be closed at least 100,000 soft coal miners will be out of work.

Coal production will be at a minimum. Without the interest of the U. S. government in throwing thousands of men out of work, the coal industry would be in a state of chaos.

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## Jobs Come Up With New Policies

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Republican jobs came up today with the administration's new policies. GOP Chairman Guy C. Gibson called "critical" but also constructive.

The preliminary declaration, prepared by three drafting committees, was ready for approval or rejection by all of the congressional Republicans and the full GOP national committee.

The preliminary outline indicated the GOP would tee off on administration foreign policies and other some Republicans called "inflation" of high government of money by Communists and fellow travelers.

The foreign policy declaration was said to be sharply critical because the administration has not taken the Republicans into its confidence on many major international decisions—particularly those affecting Asia.

The allusion to Communist infiltration was an obvious reference to Alger Hiss, a former state department official, was convicted on charges that he lied when he said he did not deliver secret state department documents to a Communist courier.

While the foreign policy declaration took the administration to task for failure to consult the Republicans, it didn't go far enough for some party members.

Werner W. Schroeder, Illinois national committeeman, had called for an end to the bipartisan foreign policy.

Schroeder said this policy, of which Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) was the chief GOP spokesman in Congress, gives the Republicans no alternative but "rubber stamp" approval.

He has stiffed debate, he said, and discouraged "independent" thinking by congress members.

It has given us one course of action in Europe and the opposite in Asia, declared Schroeder.

While drafting Republicans said Vandenberg was active in writing the foreign portion of their new platform.

They said this declaration reaffirms GOP faith in the United Nations and pledges a Republican support for a two party international policy which the GOP can improve in advance.

## Royal Couple Honey-mooning in Maryland

Washington, Feb. 6.—(AP)—The king of Midford Haven and his former, Romane Dahlgren, were honey-mooning today in Maryland's Eastern shore, before this week for Europe.

The year old British marriage was the second cousin to George III and the 26-year-old American divorcee were married at the National Press club, climaxing an intimate romance. Among the guests were members of European nobility and prominent figures in this country and abroad.

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**AMERICAN BREADLINE—IN ATHENS**—Small boys from the Athens, Greece, "Children's City" line up for a slice of bread, part of some 2200 loaves made from the millionth ton of Marshall Plan aid to arrive in Greece. The flour from Higginsville, Mo., was made into bread by Greek army and distributed to relief agencies sponsored by Queen Frederica.

## New Jersey to Select Congressman

Hackensack, N. J., Feb. 6.—(AP)—A Democratic congressman for the first time in 36 years or another Republican? That's the question voters in the seventh congressional district will decide today.

Republican William B. Windall is running against Democrat George T. English in the special election for the seat vacated by the jailed J. Parnell Thomas.

But English says he really is running against Thomas.

"The anger of the people of both parties is deeper than the Republican machine knows," English declared as he wound up his campaign. He referred to the conviction of the Republican Thomas on payroll padding charges, his imprisonment, and the resulting scandal.

The Democrats are counting on a "resentment vote" to throw the normally Republican district into the Democratic column. During his campaign English has rapped the Republicans good for backing Thomas in the first place.

Seasoned political observers argue that the GOP is too strong in the big, crescent-shaped North Jersey district to permit a Democrat to win, J. Parnell Thomas notwithstanding.

Others say that the only predictable thing about politics is its unpredictability, whether the Republicans have swung the district for 36 years or not.

Windall, though, predicting a victory, said he had "no illusion about any weakness of the Democratic party in this district."

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## Court Docket

**City Docket**  
Albert E. Gilligan, parking on highway, forfeited \$5 cash bond.  
George Hawthorne, no driver's license, forfeited \$5 cash bond.  
Bill Smithy, no driver's license, plea guilty, fined \$5.  
Sid Williams, disturbing peace, forfeited \$10 cash bond.  
Charlie Ogden, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.  
Lex Jones, drunkenness, plea guilty, fined \$10.  
L. C. Rogers, drunkenness, forfeited \$10 cash bond.  
B. G. Pettus, Marvin G. Hawkins, speeding, forfeited \$5 cash bond.

Bill Smithy, reckless driving, tried, fined \$25.  
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**State Docket**  
E. S. Porter and H. H. Morris, unlawfully cutting trees, examination waived—Held to Grand Jury-Bond fixed at \$500.

H. H. Morris, aiding another in cutting trees belonging to another, examination waived—Held to Grand Jury—Bond fixed at \$500.

Teiford Huckabee, giving overdraft, dismissed.

## Farmer to Trial for Fatally Shooting Sheriff

Marshall, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Roy Bryan, 41, Marshall farmer goes on trial here today for the fatal shooting of Searcy county sheriff Doyle Smith.

Sheriff Smith died in a Little Rock hospital last Dec. 7 from gunshot wounds suffered in an exchange of pistol shots with Bryan on the downtown streets of Marshall Dec. 4. The officer was hit in the side and chest.

The shooting broke out following a quarrel the two men. Bryan's son, Bill, 17, was wounded by a stray bullet.

The first degree murder trial will be presided over by Circuit Judge Garner Fraser of Clinton, Ark.

Holly trees should be planted 25 to 30 feet apart.

## Gangster's Home Bombed Nobody Hurt

Los Angeles, Feb. 6.—(AP)—A gangland bomb wrecked Mickey Cohen's \$100,000 radar-protected home before dawn today but the little mobster—leading his usual charmed life—escaped unhurt.

Mickey, his wife and a maid were home at the time—and the bedroom where Mickey usually sleeps is in pieces out in the front yard. His wife and the maid also were unhurt.

The damage—estimated at \$50,000—was so great that Cohen earlier reported that Cohen could not have been home and survived such a blast.

Kathryn Jones, the Cohen maid, called the west Los Angeles police station and hysterically reported there had been a "terrific" explosion at the Cohen home.

But the blast was so shattering that the police said they heard it even before Miss Jones called. The police station is three-and-a-half miles away from the Cohen home.

Cohen and his wife were sleeping at the rear of the house. Mickey described the blast thusly:

"About 4:15 (PST) this morning my alarm went off, that is my electric eye system. I got up and the eye system pointed at the particular part of the property that had been broken. I went to the front windows, didn't see anybody, and I didn't hear anybody. I went back to bed that was about three minutes, and then the explosion came."

"I jumped out of bed to see what it was, ran to the front of the house. I have no idea what it was. It split the front door



# Social and Personal

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 8 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Social Calendar

Tuesday, February 7

The Auxiliary to the VFW will meet at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday February 7 at the VFW hut. At this time, the auxiliary obligation will be bestowed upon a number of members. All members are urged to be present.

The Current Study club will meet at the home of Mrs. Owen Nix at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday. Mrs. Lahroy Spates will be in charge of the program.

Grove No. 196 of the Supreme Forest Woodman circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 7. At this time, Miss Lucille Walls, state manager of Little Rock, assisted by Mrs. Estelle Waterson of El Dorado, will install the officers. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

Wednesday, February 8

Hope high school P. T. A. will have its third study discussion under the interesting leadership of Mrs. H. L. Hanegan, Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gunter.

Hope High school P. T. A. executive board will meet Wednesday at four o'clock at the home of Mrs. W. H. Gunter. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

A film "Family Life" will be shown at Brookwood school at 3 p.m. Wednesday for the Brookwood P. T. A. study group. Members of other P. T. A.'s are cordially invited to attend.

All members of the Oglesby Jr. High school P. T. A. are urged to attend the film on "Family Life" to be shown at 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Brookwood school.

John Cain chapter of the D. A. R. will have their regular luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Barlow hotel. Hostesses will be Mrs. Findley Ward, Mrs. L. K. Persons of Garland City, and Mrs. Charles Locke of Ozan.

## Coming and Going

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Urry and son, Freddie visited friends in Baton Rouge, La. over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Easterling of Shreveport were week-end guests of relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caudle of Longview, Tex. spent the week-end with friends and relatives here.

Jerome Smith returned to Neosho, Mo. Monday after spending the week-end with Mrs. Smith and

daughters here.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Humphries and daughters, of Shreveport were Sunday guests of Mrs. Humphries parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ruggles.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Yocom, Jr. have recently moved to Austin, Texas to make their home. Mr. Yocom will enter the University of Texas to complete his work for his Master's Degree.

Mrs. Cline Franks, Mrs. Charles Bryan and Band Director Thomas Cannon accompanied the following band students to the Southwest Band Clinic at Arkadelphia Friday and Saturday: Wilma Coleman, Kay Franks, Betty Miller, Vonciel Trout, J. G. Darwin, Nelda Thompson, Jimmy Nell Wakefield.

Dianne Bryan, Jerry Bowden, Imogene Arnold, Wesley Shirley, Charles Bruce, Loretta Ward, James Fuller Russell, Jo Ann Shields, and Billy Bealy.

G. T. Cannon left Sunday night for Texarkana where he was called to the bedside of his mother who is critically ill.

Charles Malone arrived Saturday night from Chillicothe, Mo. to join Mrs. Malone and daughter, Peggy Ann in residence here. Mr. Malone received his diploma in Junior Accounting at the Chillicothe Business college.

## Personal Mention

Miss Anita Abbot, formerly of Hope, is listed among nine candidates in the Red River Arsenal contest to be named as "Arsenal Sweetheart". The crowning will be held during the half time intermission of the Tornics basketball game Wednesday night in Texarkana.

## Notice

The Band Mothers auxiliary will not meet Monday night as previously announced due to the illness of Mrs. Cannon's mother in Texarkana. The date of the meeting will be announced later.

## Hospital Notes

Julia Chester  
Admitted: Frank Wilson, Hope. Discharged: Harvid Lester, Hope; Mrs. James McCullough, Hope; Jimmy Gilbert Hollis, Hope.

Josephine  
Admitted: O. W. McDowell, Hope; Mrs. Claude McCorkle, Hope.

Discharged: Mrs. Roy Smith and baby boy, Rt. 1, Hope; Mrs. Leroy Henry, Hope.

Branch  
Discharged: Mrs. R. E. Stuart, Ozan; Mrs. Faye Hackler, Patmos.



IN WASHINGTON WEDDING—The Marquess of Milford Haven and his bride, Mrs. Romaine Simpson, are seen during the round of top social events that preceded their wedding in Washington. Nobility and Washington's top society attended the event.

## Johnson Leaves Little Doubt That U. S. Is Seeking Peace But Is Also Ready to Fight

By DeWitt MacKenzie  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Rarely does a government official resort to such a sensationalist tough talk to a foreign power as was directed to Russia and Marshal Stalin the other night by Secretary of Defense Johnson during a speech in Washington.

"In all we are doing," declared the secretary, "we are seeking peace. There is only one nation in the whole world that would start a war. We seek to have a military establishment sufficient to deter her aggression and lick hell out of her if she doesn't stay deterred."

Mr. Johnson said America's defense system is in better shape and stronger than at any time since 1945. Our defenses are getting stronger daily and soon will reach a point where they will be ready for anything in an hour's time.

"Joe Stalin will know," declared the secretary, "that if he starts something at four a. m. the fight power of the United States will be on the job at five a. m."

That certainly is laying it on the line. Of course statesmen sometimes under stress of emotion make statements stronger than were intended. However, the secretary was speaking from pencilled notes and there is no indication that he wasn't talking with studied deliberation.

Such language is reserved for emergencies, and this certainly is a critical moment in the conflict of the isms, as the great Red offensive continues its victorious sweep across southeast Asia. It's my guess (and it is a guess) that Secretary Johnson had two objects in view: One was to let the American public know that America is prepared for contingencies and isn't depending on any maginot line of defense. The other was to advise Moscow that we are prepared and mean business.

In considering the secretary's declaration we mustn't forget that we are not at peace. We are at war—a cold war, to be sure, but never-the-less a conflict which could lead to a shooting-war. So while his language would have beyond the bounds of diplomacy if employed in peace, it assumes a different aspect as things are.

The history of the late war has taught us that it's a mistake to encourage the idea that nation won't fight in self-defense. It's a mistake for a government to lead its public into that belief, and it's a much greater mistake to let the outside world get any such notion.

Of course it's too late now to argue whether Hitler would have started the world war if he hadn't been encouraged by British Prime Minister Chamberlain's efforts at appeasement. Many observers feel that the Nazi dictator wouldn't have launched his aggression if a mailed fist had been stuck under his nose.

However, having attended the fateful conferences of Berchtesgaden, Godesberg and Munich, I know that Hitler became more ag-

gressive with each successive peace overture by Chamberlain. The Fuehrer saw that he had the other fellows worried, and took advantage of the situation.

So on the whole I think we may classify Secretary Johnson's speech along with the announcement that America is going ahead to create the new super-bomb. Both pronouncements were definitely intended as deterrents to war. But far from being appeasement, they tell the American public, and the world at large, that we are taking no nonsense.

poker?"

Gambler: "Yes sir, but not for money."

Judge: "What were you playing for?"

Gambler: "For chips."

Judge: "But chips are the same as money. Ten dollars fine." So the gambler paid in chips.

## DOROTHY DIX

### Stenographer's Problem

Dear Miss Dix: I am a stenographer, making a good salary. My employer is a married man more than twice my age. I have accepted his attentions, going out to dinners and shows. He has two living wives, but he promises to get a divorce so we can marry. Would he dump me as he has his other wives, calling over the phone and giving fictitious names to find out if his wife is at home so he can make his getaway; leaving with his friends for nearby resorts over the week end without going home; mailing letters out of a designated town when he is elsewhere, etc.? Purely from a selfish standpoint, would you advise me to marry this man if he ever gets a divorce?

Answer: I think if you marry this man you will get a punishment that will fit the crime for having done your part in making a sister woman miserable and breaking up her home. For I presume, she has not left this rotter, that she still has some affection for him, though. Heavens knows why any woman wouldn't consider that he is bad rubbish that she is glad to be rid of.

Gets What She Deserves  
No one can pity a woman, no one can have anything but contempt for a woman and feel that she gets what she deserves when she marries a man that she knows beforehand has betrayed the trust of two good women and who has been dishonorable in all his dealings with them.

This man has given you his measure. P. You will know exactly what to expect of him. You know him for a liar and a cheat. You know perfectly well that he will be unfaithful to you as he has been to his other wives. So what happiness can you promise yourself.

Just remember this, that the man who won't deal honorably with one woman won't deal honorably with another, and that rotters don't change. Their yellow streak goes all the way through.

Dear Dorothy Dix: There seems to be a hankering on the part of all old spinsters and young girls for matrimony. My advice to them is DON'T. My husband has all the virtues and none of the vices, yet life with him bores me to death. I married him six years ago when I was 21 and he 32. I have danced exactly three times since I was married. I am fond of the theatre. My husband never takes me to see a play. He never talks at home. After dinner he reads his paper, listens to the radio, then goes to bed. I used to be pretty, but there is no use in dressing up for a man who doesn't notice you. So count your blessings, spinsters. You get out and

see people and go places and do things, instead of being tied down to a husband who thinks that all the pleasure that a wife wants is to sit up and look at him listening to the radio of an evening.

M. C. D.  
Answer: There you are, girls, in case you have the bad luck, like Mrs. M. C. D. to draw a husband who thinks that just being married to him is picnic enough for any woman.

There are plenty of husbands like that, who forget that when a lively young girl gets married she doesn't automatically lose her fondness for dancing or going to places of amusement. As a matter of fact, every husband owes it as much to take his wife out and give her some pleasure as he does to provide her with food and clothes and shelter.

As for the woman who is married to a stick-in-the-mud who will never go anywhere for an evening, the only thing she can do is to arrange for some diversion in the afternoons, unless she can persuade him to give her a fair deal and combine some diversion with domesticity.

Dear Dorothy Dix: I am the mother of three little girls. I work very hard trying my best to start along the right path in life, but at times I get so discouraged because people tell me that nobody can control girls nowadays and that they are all wild and bring sorrow to their mothers. What do you think?

A. MOTHER OF GIRLS  
Answer: I think you are a goose to let what other people say about the difficulty of rearing girls depress you. Don't listen to them.

If you ever expect to be happy and have any peace in life, you will have to learn not to play any attention to the prophecies and warnings of your friends and to let their criticisms go in one ear and out the other. You can't possibly please everybody, so the best thing you can do is to do what you think is right and please yourself.

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## Menus

Grade school and Junior High School

Monday: Beef and vegetable soup; corn muffin, bread, jelly sandwich, fruit, cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Roast beef and mashed potatoes; peas, cornbread, buttered milk.

Wednesday: Baked beans, green salad, whole wheat bread, peach pie, milk.

Thursday: Buttered scalloped tomatoes, cheese cornbread, buttered milk.

Friday: Irish stew, rice, carrots, whole wheat bread, peaches, cookies, milk.

Monday: Cabbage roll with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, fish peas, enriched bread, ginger cookie.

Tuesday: Irish stew, black peas, cornbread, milk, peanut butter cookie.

Wednesday: Scalloped potatoes, green beans, cornbread, salad, milk, jello.

Thursday: Roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, rolls, milk, cookie.

Friday: Cakes, sweet pudding, black eyed peas, milk, friend apple pie.

Menu for Yenger High  
Monday: Broiled veal, Italian spaghetti, peach salad, cheese, bread, milk.

Tuesday: Cheese and spinach, collard greens, candied cornbread, milk.

Wednesday: Smothered beef, English peas, gravy, apple sauce, bread, milk.

Thursday: Chili beans, corn, bread, milk, cookies.

Friday: Beef, vegetable crackers, cookies, milk.

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6:50 Fulton Lewis, Jr.—M

7:00 B-Bar-B Riders—M

7:30 Affairs of Peter Salem—M

7:55 Bill Henry, News—M

8:00 U. of A. vs. Pittsburgh

8:00 Dance Music—M

10:00 All the News—M

10:15 Dance Music—M

10:55 Mutual Reports News—M

11:00 Sign Off

Tuesday a. m.

5:57 Sign On

6:00 Rhythm Roundup

6:30 News, Roundup Edition

6:45 Quartet Time

6:55 Neighborhood Farms Program

7:00 Musical Clock

7:30 Breakfast Edition of News

7:35 Calendar of Events

7:45 Morning Devotional

8:00 Robert Hurleigh News—M

8:15 Sunrise Serenade

8:45 Nashville Calls

9:15 Faith in Our Times—M

9:30 Say It With Music—M

10:00 Walter Mason—M

10:15 Party Line Patter

10:30 Bob Poole's Show—M

10:45 Kate Smith Speaks—M

11:15 Emmy Ross Show—M

11:30 Farm Roundup

11:40 Hillbilly Spotlight

11:45 Gabriel Heatter Mailbag—M

Tuesday p. m.

12:00 News, Home Edition

12:10 Market Time

12:15 Blackwood Bros. Quartet

12:30 Stamps Baxter Melody Boys

12:45 Church of Christ

1:00 Frank Fair—M

1:30 Queen for a Day—M

2:00 Sutton's Livestock Sale

2:30 Rhythm Ranch Hands

2:45 Student Parade

3:00 Neighborhood Farms Program

3:15 Ramblin' in Rhythms

3:30 1490 Club

4:00 Quartet Time

4:30 Melody Corral

5:00 Straight Arrow—M

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## Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to an-  
nounce the following are candi-  
dates for public office subject  
to the action of the Democratic  
primary elections this summer:

Sheriff and Collector  
J. W. (SON) JONES

Treasurer  
LUCILLE RUGGLES

## Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

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New York, Feb. 5 — The Wash-  
ington Evening Star which is not  
to be suspected of communism or  
disloyalty seems to have fallen  
into an error of judgement on the  
case of Alger Hiss. Because this  
mistake bespeaks the confusing  
sympathy that all communists tra-  
itors would like to spread among  
Americans, I take it under exami-  
nation.

The editorial says: "Alger Hiss  
should not be bothered any more,  
either by his personal friends or  
his political enemies. He has been  
convicted of one of the blackest  
of crimes and sentenced to five  
years in jail. He has been ruined  
both financially and in terms of  
reputation. If he is guilty — and  
the evidence seems conclusive of  
guilt — he will pay a harsher  
penalty that runs on in the con-  
science of a sensitive man who  
knows in his heart that he has  
betrayed his trust."

"Surely this is enough."

This editorial assumes that the  
worst that Alger Hiss did, was to  
betray a trust.

The seven crooked White Sox of  
the 1919 World Series betrayed a  
trust. They took money to throw  
the World Series to the Cincinnati  
Reds, and they did throw the se-  
ries. The expose was opened by a  
beloved, seedy old baseball "ex-  
pert," Hugh S. Fullerton, who  
smoked makin', with yellow fin-  
gers. He was the first to sink a  
pick into the pay dirt which de-  
veloped into an eldorado of sanc-  
tioned scandal and synthetic re-  
velations came the next summer.

That was a ghastly experience in  
the lives of those who thoughtless-  
ly regarded baseball as a public  
treasure and trust. Baseball actual-  
ly was the remains to this day, a  
private business, a department of  
the amusement industry, and the  
worst that could be said of the  
seven dishonest players was that  
they willfully did less than their  
best for an arrogant, arbitrary and  
stingy employer who enjoyed a spin-  
guy reputation as a sportsman.

These ball-players were under no  
contract or legal obligation to the  
public. There was an illusion of  
public obligation, but only an illu-  
sion. The public was never allowed  
to know the terms of their employ-  
ment contracts with their boss,  
Charles A. Comiskey, who was  
known in the sentimental jargon of  
the sport page as "the noblest  
Roman of them all." He was so-  
called because he had a Roman  
nose and because he always kept  
a cask of nutritious, character-  
building bourbon in a relaxing  
room at the ball-yard for a loose  
organization known as the wood-  
land Bards. He would not tell the  
sports writers how much he paid  
his players and they were forbid-  
den to tell. It was understood, as  
indeed it is among ball-players to-  
day, that the management would  
punish them as agitators if they  
appealed to the public for sym-  
pathy through the sport-pages, in  
disputes over pay. The club until  
then and for many years after was  
known as the greatest in baseball  
history. The punishment for "agita-  
tion" was banishment from the  
major leagues by a process known  
as whispering-out.

After the seven Benedict Arnolds  
of baseball were cast out, a Mil-  
waukee lawyer named Ray Cannon  
who afterward went to congress,  
revealed that the average pay of  
the whole team was about \$3,000  
a year. The contracts contained  
all the unfair, yellow-dog clauses  
of the present agreement plus  
some others that have been elimi-  
nated since. These reforms were  
directly due to this betrayal of  
trust.

His beyond me to recreate the  
loathsomeness of the sabotage  
which these men were guilty of.  
In the public mind these players  
were treated as Judases. They never  
were allowed to play in "or-  
ganized" baseball again nor even  
to enter any major league park  
as paying spectators.

In those days I was looked down  
upon for saying that these out-  
casts should have been allowed to  
plead extenuation and mitigation  
and that their employer and the  
whole institution of baseball  
should have been censured for  
selfish, arrogant and oppressive  
ways.

With the passage of years, we  
Salem: 8:30 Crime Fighters; 9:15  
Newsreel.

Tuesday items: NBC — 8 a. m.  
Eddie Albert show 10:15 Dave  
Garraway; 4:30 p. m. Just Plain  
Bill. CBS — 12:45 Guiding Light;  
2:30 House Party; 5:15 You and  
3 Fear. ABC — 10:30 a. m. Quick  
as a Flash; 1:30 p. m. Hannibal  
Cobb mystery; 3:15 Tide of Toys  
for Europe. MBS — 9:30 a. m.  
Say It With Music; 1 p. m.  
Ladies Fair; 3:30 Georgia Jam-  
bores.

## Tech Has the Inside on College Title

Little Rock, Feb. 6 — (P) — Ar-  
kansas Tech has a good chance of  
taking the 1950 AIC basketball  
crown with an unblemished con-  
ference record.

The Wonder Boys haven't lost a  
loop game this year and have won  
15 out of 16 games they've played  
since opening of the basketball  
season.

Tech overcame its biggest threat  
Saturday night in defeating the  
strong Arkansas State college, 49-  
45. The outcome of that affair put  
the Wonder Boys in undisputed  
first place and spoiled a perfect  
record held by State.

While Tech has several games  
on tap before winding up the race,  
most of them are with other cir-  
cuit members who can be counted  
out of the title chase.

But to walk off with the cham-  
pionship, the Wonder Boys have to  
play State in a second game later  
this month and meet State Tech-  
ers, still a serious threat.

Quachita, which started rolling  
early but has fallen by the way-  
side, visits Tech Saturday night.  
A non-conference tilt with Delta  
(Miss.) State and an encounter  
with lowly Hendrix rounds out this  
week's picture.

## Girls Teams Battle for AAU Title

Little Rock, Feb. 6 — (P) — The  
first round of the Arkansas AAU  
girls invitational basketball tour-  
ney will wind up today when de-  
fending champion Greenbrier  
meets Huntsville.

Only 16 of the 31 contenders will  
be in the race for this year's  
championship at completion of the  
first round. Six teams were  
knocked out of the running yester-  
day.

The championship will be de-  
cided Thursday.

Yesterday's results:  
Tuckerman 37, McRae 27.  
Griffithville 41, Robinson 30.  
Huntsville 42, Marvell 24.  
Flippin 63, Redfield 48.  
Hartman 47, Dixie 36.  
Des Arc 38, Deaf School 32.  
Games today:

Malvern vs Clinton at 9 a. m.  
Van Buren vs Perryville at  
10:15 a. m.

Keiser vs Atkins at 11:30 a. m.  
Ward vs Bee Branch at 1:30 p. m.  
Glendale vs Marshall at 2:45  
p. m.

Bismarck vs Hazen at 4 p. m.  
Mount Ida vs Magazine at 6  
p. m.

Hardy vs Hartford at 7:15 p. m.  
Hattiesville vs Greenbrier at 9:30  
p. m.

## Ingrid Names Roberto as Child's Father

Rome, Feb. 6 (P) — A doctor  
says Ingrid Bergman has named  
Italian Film Director Roberto Ros-  
sellini as the father of her baby

"In the privacy of her hospital  
room," her personal physician said  
yesterday "Miss Bergman affec-  
tionately refers to Mr. Rossellini  
as the father of her child."

The Swedish film actress has an-  
nounced she will marry the Italian  
screen's leading director when she  
gets her divorce from Dr. Peter  
Lindstrom of Hollywood. The di-  
vorce is expected to be granted  
sometime this week in Juarez,  
Mexico.

The star's physician, Dr. Pier  
Luigi Guidotti, said Miss Bergman  
joked about newspaper reports of  
her baby's birth last Thursday  
and was not in the least dis-  
turbed.

Rossellini, who has been a night-  
ly resident of Miss Bergman's po-  
lice-guarded hospital suite since  
the baby's birth, also spent yester-  
day with the mother and child. He  
held a one-hour conference there  
with his lawyer. Two Catholic  
priests visited the suite last night.

Dr. Guidotti said the priests were  
brought to the hospital by Rossel-  
lini and were visiting friends.

have become tolerant of exactly  
what shocked the nation then. They  
were guilty of sabotage, nothing  
worse, by means of a primitive  
experiment in the slow-down. Their  
purpose was to get even with  
their employer as best they would.  
The public actually suffered no  
loss nor privation.

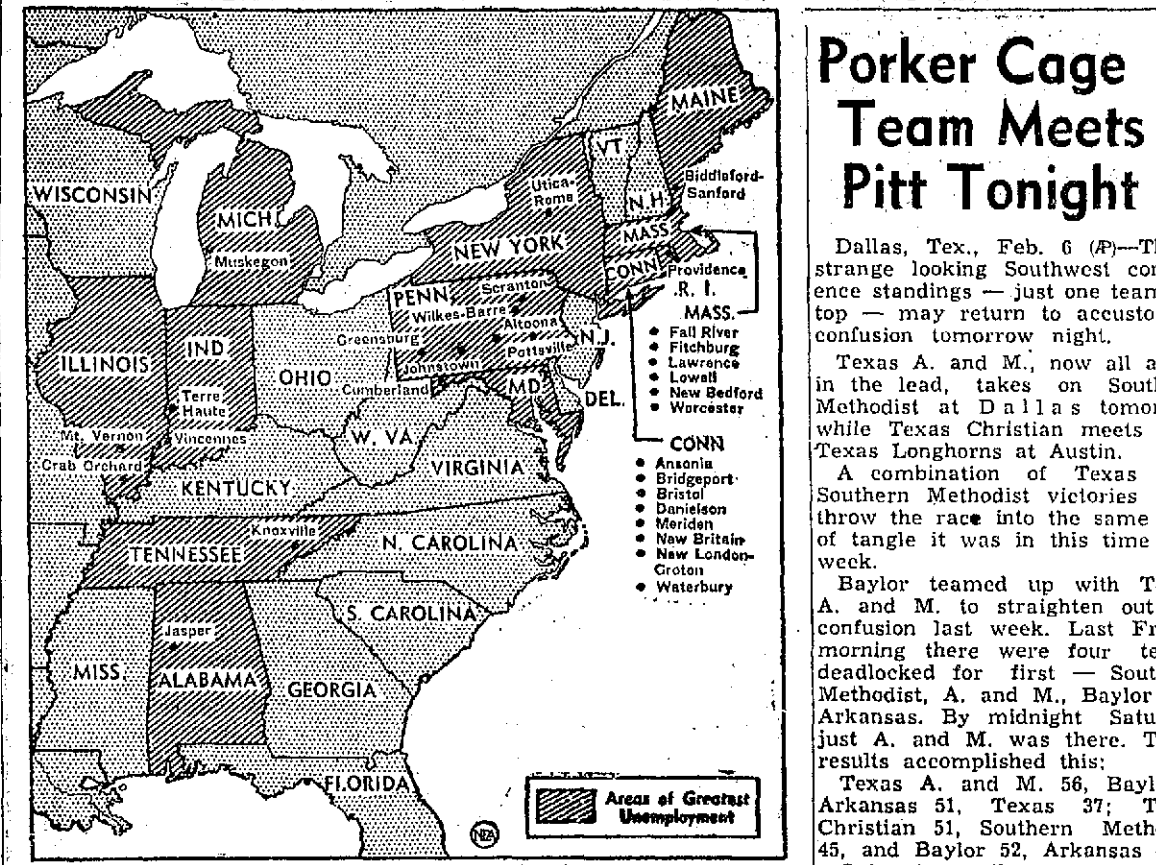
But Hiss' guilt did not end with  
the betrayal of a trust. A dishonest  
letter-carrier betrays a trust and  
we readily agree that he "should  
not be bothered any more" when  
he had done his time. We gener-  
ously concede that "this is  
enough."

The Washington Evening Star  
forgets that if Hiss did betray this  
particular trust, he also betrayed  
his country to an enemy. He was  
guiltier than Benedict Arnold.

Hiss was privileged and honored,  
whereas Arnold was denied recog-  
nition and given reason to sul-  
k and look to his own interests.  
The United States were not then  
a substantial nation and many  
good men still believed it would  
be for the best to adhere to the  
British crown and work for re-  
form.



LOAFIN' ON THE JOB—Baker Jack Yellen, right, of Rochester, N. Y., beams over the nine-foot loaf of bread he baked for the wedding of his daughter, Evelyn. Helping Yellen load out the giant loaf are, left to right, Al Piesner, bakery owner; Lou Gold, and Sol Gold.



UNEMPLOYMENT GROWS—Map shows areas of critical unemployment, with 31 of the 32 U. S. cities that the Department of Labor rates "E," which means they have over 12 per cent unemployment. The other critical "E" area is Honolulu. Eight of the "E" cities have more than 20 per cent unemployment.



PICKETS PICKET PICKET—AFL picket R. E. Hamilton of Houston, Tex., got a surprise when he found himself being picketed by two Rice Institute co-eds, Lynn Base and Betty McGeever. The union is picketing a new 70,000-seat stadium for Rice, which should be an ideal place for a sit-down strike.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Hugh S. Fullerton, Jr.

New York, Feb. 6 (P) — Floyd  
O. Smith, a precise softspoken lit-  
tle man from Hull, Ill., is a sched-  
ule-maker by avocation and about  
two-dozen baseball leagues would  
have a heck of a time getting  
along without him. "I've been  
making schedules since I was in  
high school," he explains. "The old  
central association needed one and  
I thought I could do it, so I tried.  
They didn't adopt mine, but they  
gave me honorable mention."

I sold my first to the Three-I  
league in 1923 and since then they  
haven't played a date without  
me. It's a bigger problem  
than it appears, with consid-  
ering special dates, travel mil-  
age and the conflicting desires of  
hard-boiled club owners, but Smith  
always manages to come up with  
something acceptable. "My sys-  
tem? I just take a blank sched-  
ule and sort of visualize it," he  
says. "If you have that kind of  
vision, it's not a crowded profes-  
sion."

Playing Him Loosely

Shag Shagnessy, the Interna-  
tional league president, agrees  
with Johnny Mize's recent advice  
to hitters: "Hold your bat so loose  
it almost falls out of your hands;  
then you won't go after bad  
pitches. "Mmmmm says Shag:  
"Larry Lajoie used to hold his bat  
that way he's often hold it in one  
hand. If you pitched to him out-  
side, he'd belt it into left field;  
if you threw inside, he'd knock it  
over the right field fence. "But  
I saw Jack Coombs stop him once.  
"Coombs told me, go straight  
out in center as far as you can  
and I'll make him hit to you." ...  
I backed up almost to the wall  
and Coombs threw nothing but  
straight ones down the middle.  
Lajoie went to bat four times and  
hit four lines drives right into my  
hands."

## Housing Costs Government Huge Sum

By G. MILTON KELLY  
(For James Marlow)

Washington, Feb. 6 — (P) — The  
government is putting out \$80,000-  
000 a month to help people buy  
homes.

With the volume of the upgrade  
—and the end not in sight — con-  
gress is looking for a way to shift  
some of the burden back to pri-  
vate investors.

Here's what's happening:  
federal housing administration  
and the veterans administration in-  
sure banks against taking a loss on  
loans which go into home pur-  
chases and construction.

The FHA figures that it is in-  
suring loans running to \$350,000-  
000 a month. Of this, \$200,000,000  
a month is to help people buy  
dwelling places. Veterans loans un-  
der the GI bill run to \$80,000,000.

Another government agency, the  
federal national mortgage associa-  
tion was created by congress to  
buy FHA and VA insured mort-  
gages from private investors, so  
that the investors would have more  
money to lend.

Of the \$2,500,000,000 with which  
it started out, FNMA has \$800,000-  
000 left, and private investors are  
turning in their FHA and veterans  
insured mortgages at a rate which,  
FNMA says, hit \$8,000,000 in De-  
cember.

The FHA says it is working on a  
bill now, at the invitation of the  
senate banking committee, which  
might ease the situation.

"The idea," a spokesman ex-  
plained, "is to make available an  
additional half billion dollars or  
more, without having to appropriate  
it out of current tax revenues."

"We are casting about for a  
plan that would encourage private  
investors to take over some of the  
mortgages the government now  
holds, and to encourage them to  
meet some of the demand for  
mortgages that otherwise would  
fall on the government."

Congress, he explained, seems  
reluctant to appropriate huge sums  
for the program, but feels the  
housing industry is too valuable a  
source of national prosperity to al-  
low it to be cut back now.

FNMA is a branch of the Recon-  
struction Finance Corporation.  
There is quiet talk in congress of  
transferring FNMA to some other  
agency, and putting a damper on  
other lending powers of the RFC.

There are signs that this will  
cause a fight if it is attempted.  
A complicating factor is the bat-  
tle in and out of congress over  
\$37,500,000 of RFC loans to the  
Lustron Corp., a big prefabricated  
housing firm in Columbus, Ohio.  
The RFC says Lustron is in de-  
fault on its debt, and is threaten-  
ing to foreclose.

Lustron loans have nothing to do  
with loans to individual home buy-  
ers.

But mention the words "hou-  
sing" and "loans" in the sen-  
tence in congress, and you are  
pretty apt to stir up a fight over  
Lustron that may cause everybody  
to forget he issue before him.

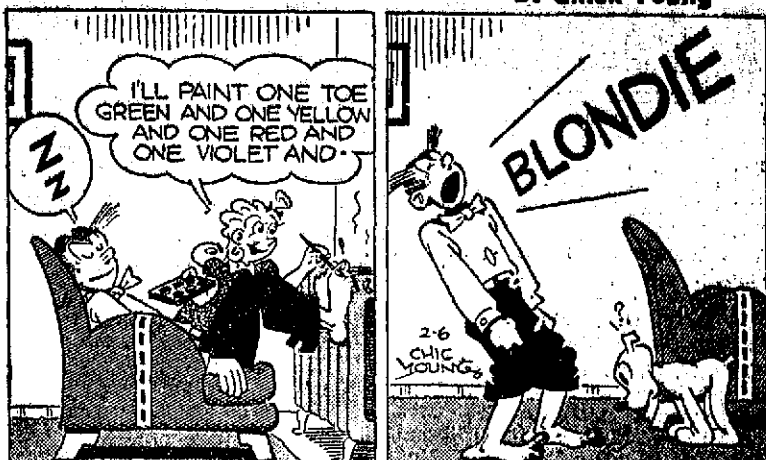
## Mercy Slayer Should Know Fate Soon

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 6 (P) —  
Carol Ann Paignt, 21-year-old  
Stamford mercy slayer, should  
know her fate sometime early this  
week—possible late tomorrow.

She is charged with second de-  
gree murder in connection with  
the slaying



**By Chick Young**



## OZARK IKE



### Answer to Previous Puzzle

- ## CARNIVAL

**By Dick Turner**



By J. R. Williams



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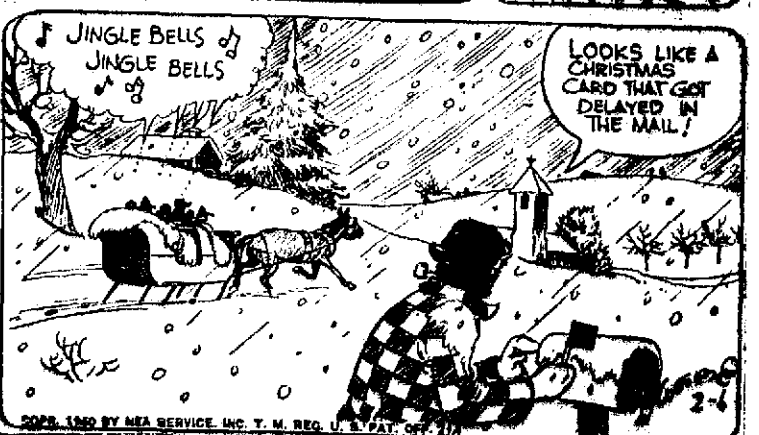
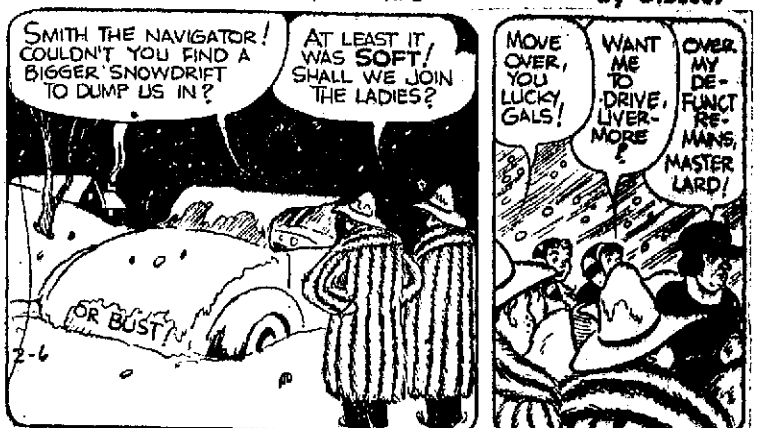
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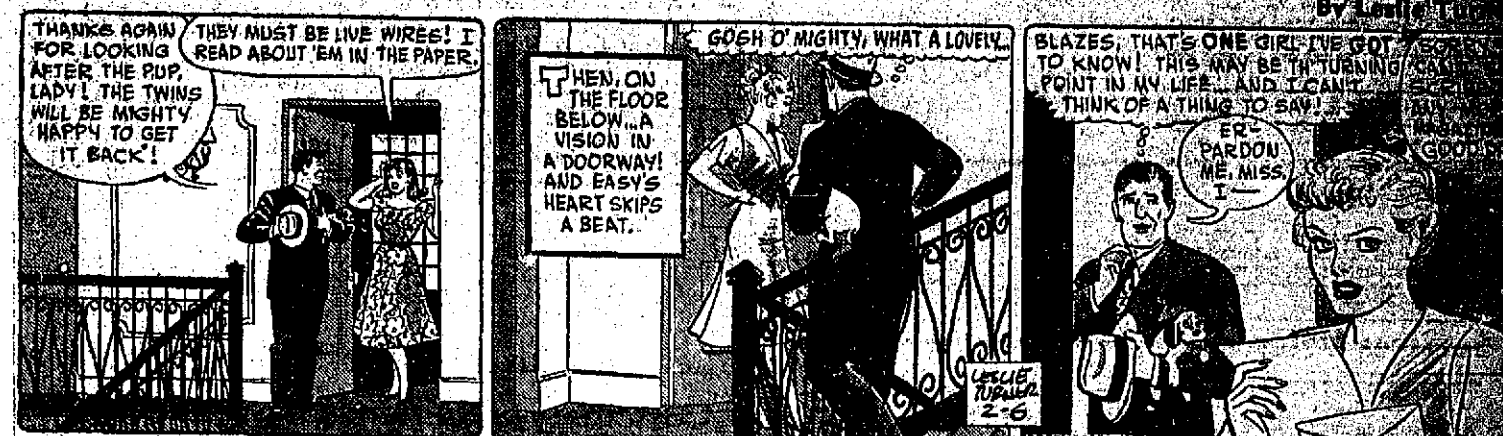


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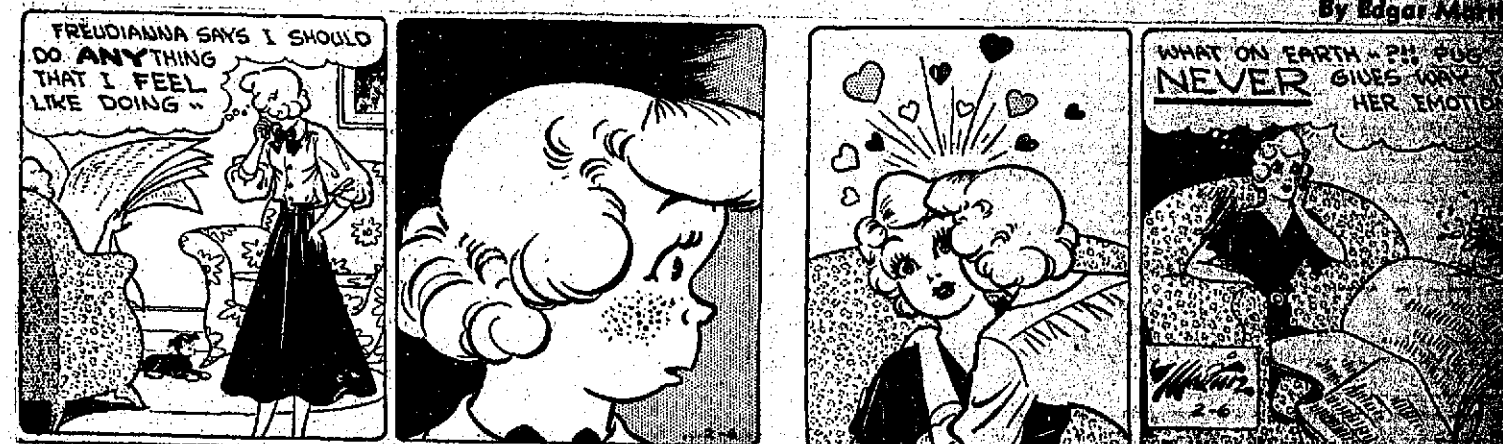
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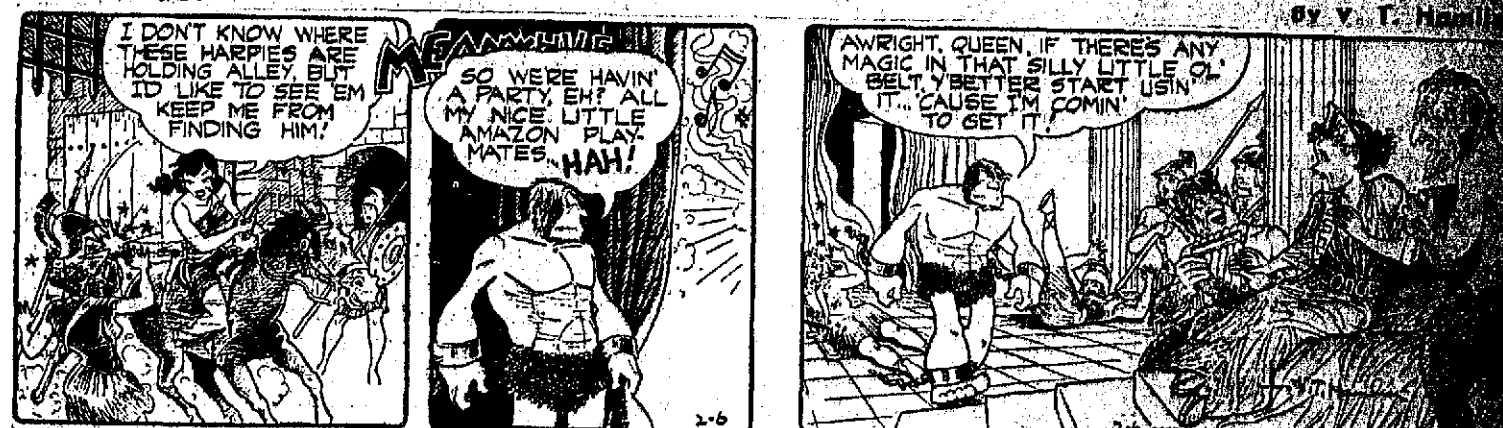
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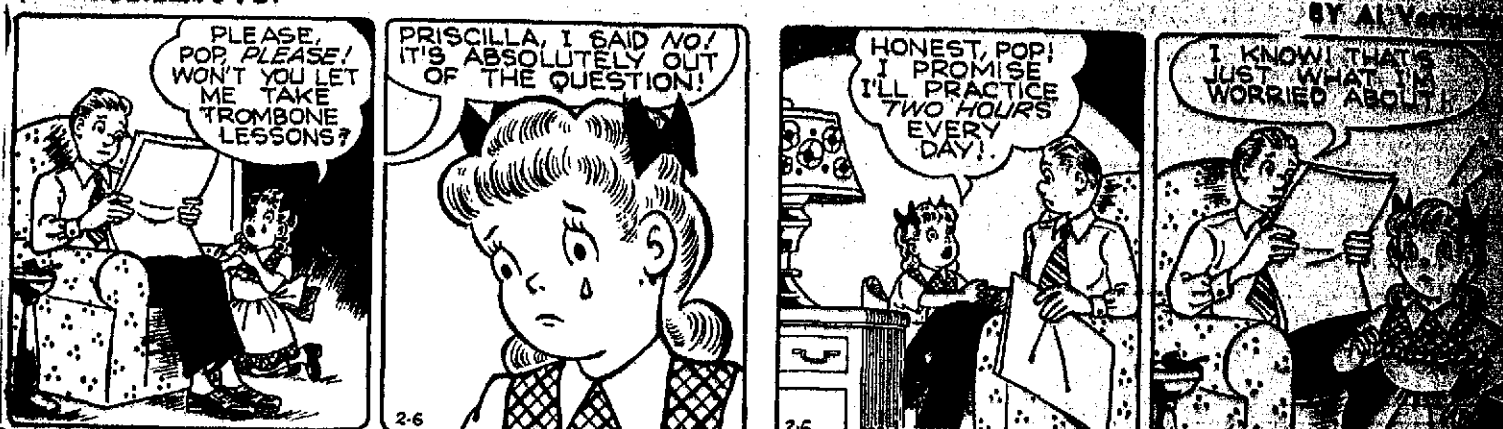
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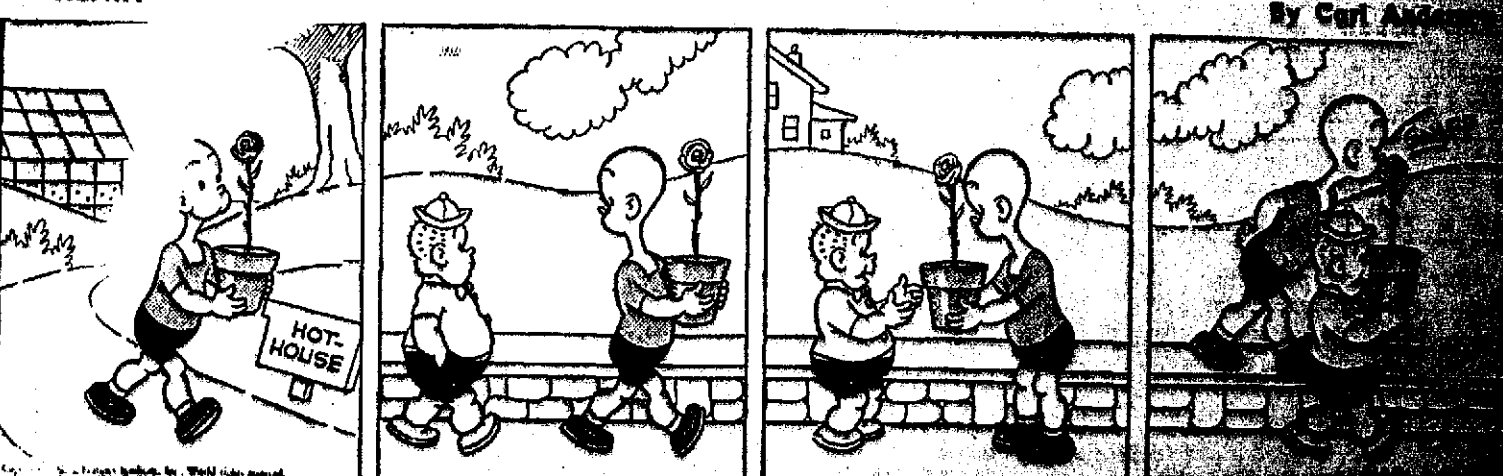
## ALLEY OOP



## PRISCILLA'S POP



## HENRY



"If you want popcorn, get it on the way in--you know how cross your father is when you wake him up!"



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### Hermit Bandit Routed From Mountain Cabin

Golden, Colo., Feb. 6 (AP)—A young gunman who had "holed up" for the winter by stocking a mountain cabin with machine guns, food, check writing equipment and a milk coat, was held today for two kidnappings and three auto thefts.

He identified himself as Andrew Cecil McCauley, 23, and boasted to Sheriff Carl Enlow that he is wanted in 12 states for \$250,000 worth of bad checks.

Arrested with McCauley after a five-hour chase over icy mountain roads was pistol-toting Barbara Jean Carroll, 28, of Houston, Tex.

Enlow said McCauley was questioned about the million-dollar Brinks agency holdup in Boston, but apparently had no connection with it. FBI agents also questioned McCauley.

Enlow said he found in McCauley's cabin: Two rifles, a pistol, two German army machine pistols, 20 cases of food, a milk coat, hundreds of blank checks from all parts of the country, 18 telephone directories, a check-writing machine, and a case of whiskey.

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## PRESCOTT NEWS

Monday, February 6

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the First Methodist church will meet Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Vuel Chamberlain with Mrs. Lera Johnson, co hostess.

The Prescott Legionnaires "B" basketball team will meet the OK Centennials Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Prescott gym. The "A" team will play the Nowlin Furniture Co., five of Arkadelphia.

Tuesday, February 7

Mrs. George Cunningham, worthy matron, Prescott chapter, O. E. S. has announced a special offering will be taken at the chapter's regular stated meeting Tuesday night, to be contributed to the Nevada county March of Dimes campaign.

Wednesday, February 8

The choir of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock for rehearsal.

The Prescott Musical Coterie will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. J. H. Langley.

A mid-week meeting will be held at the First Christian church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. Mrs. J. C. Stegar will conduct the study on "What is the church?"

The following mid-week services will be held at the First Baptist

church Wednesday evening—  
Teachers meeting 7 o'clock; prayer meeting 7:45; choir rehearsal

The Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian church will meet Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.

W. C. T. U. Meets at  
Presbyterian Church

The W. C. T. U. met on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Presbyterian church with Mrs. Jesse Crow, Mrs. Frank Williams, Mrs. Joe R. Hamilton and Mrs. J. V. McMahan as hostesses.

In the absence of Mrs. D. S. Jordan, the president, Mrs. J. W. Teeter, vice president, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Hamilton, secretary, read the minutes. Mrs. J. C. Munn gave the treasurer report.

Mrs. Teeter presented the program which began with the group singing "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us". Mrs. Warren Cummings gave a devotional talk on "Spreading the Light". Mrs. Jack Cooper gave an interesting talk on "What would Frances Willard Do About the Liquor Traffic If She were here today?" Mrs. C. A. Wynn conducted a quiz on "The Ideal W. C. T. U. Member." Mrs. Wat W. White, Sr. read an article on "A Grain of Mustard Seed." The meeting adjourned with the singing of the hymn "Lead on O King Eternal" and the Atonic Benediction.

The hostesses served pie and coffee to twenty-one members present.

Mrs. Thomas Dewoody Entertains With Party

Arrangements of jonquils and nandinas set the scene for an afternoon bridge party given by Mrs. Thomas Dewoody at her home on Thursday afternoon.

There were two tables of players with Mrs. Herbert Barksdale winning the high score prize.

The hostess served a delicious dessert course to her guests: Mrs. George Wylie, Mrs. J. Leland Lavender, Mrs. Jim Herrington, Mrs. Werner Hamilton, Mrs. Dutchie Bright, Miss Kathleen Wooley, Mrs. Elwood Robinson, and Mrs. Barksdale.

Among the friends and relatives who attended the funeral services for Mrs. J. M. Powell on Thursday morning were: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Powell, Jr., and Mr. Howard Powell, Sr., of Gurdon; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Powell of North Little Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dickinson and children Chas. and Roberta, Miss Pearl O'Connor, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cross of Texarkana; Mrs. Laura Lee Gordon of Salem, Mo.

Mrs. S. R. Crawford has returned to her home in Little Rock after attending the funeral services for Mrs. J. M. Powell. Mrs. Crawford was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McKenzie and son Jim.

Mrs. Frank McLarty and son Mac of Hope were the Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Berry Hesterly.

Mrs. Fay Horton of Gurdon shopped in Prescott Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee, Sr., motored to Hope Thursday for the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Loomis and Miss Ina Loomis spent Thursday afternoon in Hope.

Miss Gertrude Clarke White returned Friday from Fayetteville. Miss White also spent several days in Little Rock as the guest of Miss Meredith White.

### Dealers Report Oldsmobiles Moving Fast

Oldsmobile dealers sold 9,936 new Futuramic models in the second 10 days of January, to establish the largest 10-day January sales in this G. M. division's history, it was announced today by S. E. Skinner, general manager of Oldsmobile and vice president of General Motors Corporation. This record figure marked a 36 per cent increase over the same 10-day period of 1949, when 7,317 new Oldsmobiles were sold at retail.

In the first 20 days of January this year Oldsmobile dealers sold 15,019 new cars as compared to 12,609 new vehicles in the same period of 1949.

"These encouraging sales figures," said Mr. Skinner, "indicates that Oldsmobile can justifiably look forward to a record sales year in 1950. Our investment in a new assembly plant and enlarged production facilities for high-compression 'Rocket' engines is confirmed by the public acceptance of our product."

Oldsmobile doubled the capacity of its "Rocket" engine plant last summer and the new Oldsmobile final assembly plant, latest in the industry, went into production in mid-December with the introduction of the 1950 models.

"My wife says she is going to leave me if I don't stop running around."

"Too bad."

"Yes, it is. I'm going to miss her."

A citizen was walking up Fifth Avenue when he was buttonholed by a character who said:

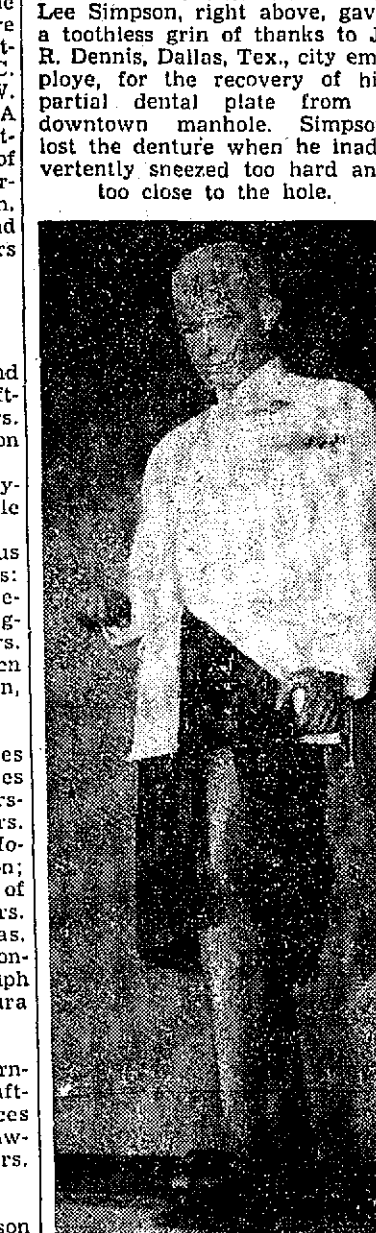
"Shay, can you tell me where to find Alcoholics Anonymous?"

"Why? Do you want to join?"

"No. Wanna resign."



BIT OF HAPPINESS—Harry Lee Simpson, right above, gave a toothless grin of thanks to J. R. Dennis, Dallas, Tex., city employee, for the recovery of his partial dental plate from a downtown manhole. Simpson lost the denture when he inadvertently sneezed too hard and too close to the hole.



TOMORROW'S MAN?—The classical influence predominates in this conception of what the "Man of Tomorrow" may wear. The creation by Tina Leser was exhibited at the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. Besides the plaid skirt, there were backless, collarless, tail-less shirts with ruffled sleeves and pleated bosoms among the things women think men will wear in the future.

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## War Brings a Tragedy That Still Haunts Witnesses Down Through the Years

By DeWITT MacKENZIE  
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

This Saturday's reminiscence has to do with a tragedy which has haunted me these many years a nightmare of mass-death and calls for help which had to be ignored.

The German submarine campaign of early 1917 was at the awful peak which all but brought the Allies to their knees. Our ship from the Far East, filled with Australian and New Zealand soldiers enroute to the Western front, came steaming into a wintry Mediterranean which was boiling with

### Ex-Actress Makes Good Preacher

Punxsutawney, Pa., Feb. 5 (AP)—The Rev. Herman Humke and his flock today agreed that Colleen Townsend Sunday was an event comparable only to the burning of the church mortgage in 1937.

Colleen, the young movie star who says she will forsake her career to follow God, preached the gospel from the pulpit of the Presbyterian church yesterday.

Her audience numbering some 1200 who jammed the two morning services was enchanted. Normal church attendance is 300.

"I really believe she is sincere," declared Mrs. Leone Lossman as she echoed the sentiments of other members of the congregation. "I think she has a radiance of spirit that's real—it comes from within."

Dr. Humke, who invited her to speak when he learned she was coming to this western Pennsylvania city for a movie premier, said:

"She is conscious of a message to God and is devoting her life to the fulfillment of what God wants her to do. During her two days in Punxsutawney she has captivated all of us with her charm, grace, thoughtfulness and all the qualities that make her so human."

Against a backdrop of glaring newsreel lights and flashing cameras, Miss Townsend told the congregation why she is deserting "the happiest and most exciting life a girl ever led."

"The life of God is a complete life and I feel it can be found only through Christ," she explained, looking very pretty in a form-fitting royal blue jersey dress with white trim.

As an organ softly played, she sang:

"I'd rather Have Jesus than world-wide fame.

"I'd rather be true to his precious name.

"I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold.

"I'd rather be his than have riches untold."

For Colleen, the church appearance added a hectic weekend in this western Pennsylvania town previously noted chiefly for its groundhog weather prophet.

She came here Saturday for a series of personal appearances in connection with her film, "When Willie Comes Marching Home," laid in a town called Punxsutawney.

"It was wonderful," said Colleen of her church experience. "God has been very good to me."

U-boats. Everything was game for the submarines, and they were taking a terrible toll of shipping and human life. Under stern orders of the British admiralty all transport and cargo vessels were forbidden to attempt any rescue work for sinking ships. Instructions were to turn tail and run like the devil, lest the submarine also get you.

This was the period which produced one of the strange tales of the war, not the one I set out to tell you, but one which fits into our picture. Australian transports, loaded with troops and nurses, were heading for the Western front under Japanese naval convoy.

A submarine stuck a torpedo into one of the transports, which carried both soldiers and women nurses, and the stricken steamer was sinking fast. The Japanese admiral in command gave the order:

"Save the men first, and then the women."

A young Japanese officer, thinking his superior had confused the order, said to him:

"Pardon sir, but you mean save the women first and then the men, don't you?"

"No," replied the admiral. "The Allies have plenty of women but they need men. Save the men first."

Well, they saved both women and men. However, under the Japanese code the admiral and dishonored his emperor in lying a ship. There was only one way in which he could wipe out the stain. He turned the convoy over to his second in command—and shot himself.

But to get back to my ship: Our skipper almost never left the bridge. I recall one stretch of 48 hours of duty which he did without rest. All the passengers were assigned to the submarine watch in Paris. It was no time for slackness, for thirteen ships were sunk near us as we plowed on towards England.

It was on a black midnight, as I was standing watch on deck with a ship's officer, that we encountered the tragedy with which this account is concerned. We were, of course, running without lights. Not even the glow of a cigarette was permitted. It was a eerie business, for we couldn't see much as we leaned against the rail.

Suddenly a steam loomed up a comparatively short distance from us, and she had all her lights blazing. I don't know why we hadn't spotted them before. Perhaps they had just been turned on, or a belt of fog may have been between us. Anyway, there they were, turning her into a suicide ship.

"The damned crazy fools," exclaimed my officer. "They're asking for it! They're sure to get it!"

He had hardly got the words out of his mouth when a torpedo hit them. It was a mortal blow, and their wireless began to beg for help. Word spread through our ship. Men gathered by the rail and there wasn't a mother's son who didn't want to go to the rescue. And the stricken ship was so near!

Still, that iron-clad admiralty order hung over us. As we knew that there wasn't a chance in the world of our escaping a torpedo ourselves if we didn't clear out.

So we steamed away as fast as we could go. The pity of having to do it! No wonder that call for help still haunts a fellow after all these years.

## End of a Chapter

By Edwin Rutt

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THE STORY: Alice Pine, literary secretary to the popular writer Mrs. Muriel Halleck, is mystified by Brent, Muriel's artist husband. At first he infuriates her, then she pities him. Finally Alice suspects him of whipping his four-year-old adopted son Rick, Chuck Wisner, who describes himself as "the village loner, snay Brent is a very fine guy." But one day Alice has lunch with Molly Tremayne, who lives in the nearby village of Tolliver, and Molly says that Brent comes from a family that has been going down-grade for generations. During the war Brent bought his old home and moved Muriel there, but Muriel is the bread-winner of the family and Brent is a failure. When Muriel points out that Brent couldn't work seriously and still hobnob with his time with that drunken Chuck Wisner.

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AT Molly Tremayne's mention of Chuck Wisner, Alice Pine started to say that she had recently met the man, but didn't. Alice was feeling suddenly guilty. She had been keenly interested in Molly's story, but she did not want to hear any more just now. There had been a little—well, too much of picking a man to pieces.

She looked at her watch and affected consternation. "Good Heavens, Molly, I've got to fly. Muriel's expecting a mess of stuff from me this afternoon."

When she got home Muriel was on the lawn, in swimsuit and with a yellow cotton robe thrown over her shoulders.

"It's getting so darned hot," Muriel said, "that I'm haunting tradition—the one that says you can't swim before the Fourth of July."

"I'd love nothing better than to flaunt it with you," Alice said.

"Well, hurry and get into your suit!" Muriel waved and the yellow robe, dislodged, fell to the ground.

And Alice couldn't repress a shocked little gasp in time.

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Brent appeared to be somewhat wilted now, however. He wore a pale-green sports shirt and white drill trousers. The shirt clung damply to his shoulders. He passed obliquely below her window without looking up, going in the direction of the garage. Presently she heard a motor.

Alice decided then upon a night swim. She had considered the idea before, but discarded it. She hadn't wanted to run the risk of meeting Brent, possibly to have him suggest himself as company.

Actually, she did not know Brent well. But she felt that she knew enough about him to last her a lifetime. Now, though, he was gone. She got into Tahitian print halter and shorts.

THE beach was the most comfortable place she had yet discovered. There was still no wind, but proximity to the water gave at least an illusion of relief.

She lay in the sand a while, smoking. When the cigarette burned down she slipped it away in a red arc and waded into the water.

Ten minutes later, revelling in a coolness she had thought nonexistent, she saw the dark figure slouching along the beach.

She knew at once that it was Brent by his unmistakable, drooping shoulders. She stopped splashing and stood motionless, crouched down slightly. Brent approached from the direction of the road and she hoped he would go on without noticing her, and without seeing her robe on the sand.

To her annoyance, he paused. A match flared. And Brent called, "That you, Alice?"

There was nothing for it but to wade to the beach. She did so, pulling off her bathing-cap and shaking out her hair.

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